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a. Amendments to the Claims

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. Claims 1-27 were previously cancelled.

28 (Currently amended). A bracket and pole assembly kit, comprising:

(a) at least two brackets, each of the at least two brackets comprising a bracket shaft; each of the at least two brackets being one piece and being attachable to a floor joist of a raised flooring surface, each bracket shaft being openable to a corresponding hole in the raised flooring surface;

(b) at least two pole assemblies, each of the at least two pole assemblies comprising a removable hollow pole, an end portion of each hollow pole being removably insertable in each bracket shaft;

(c) at least one ~~one-piece~~ tabletop that is slidable over the poles of the at least two pole assemblies;

(d) at least one tabletop attachment mechanism for attaching the at least one tabletop to the at least two pole assemblies; and

(e) a cable with an in-line turnbuckle, the cable being extendible between two of the at least two brackets.

29 (Previously amended). A heavy duty bracket and pole assembly for use on a raised flooring surface, the assembly comprising:

(a) at least one heavy duty bracket comprising a four-walled heavy duty bracket shaft, a bottom support within the heavy duty bracket shaft, and a single bracket shaft joist wall attached to the heavy duty bracket shaft; the at least one heavy duty bracket being attachable to a floor joist of the raised flooring surface with the heavy duty bracket shaft opening to a corresponding hole in the raised flooring surface;

(b) at least one pole assembly comprising a removable, one piece hollow pole, an end portion of the pole being removably insertable in the heavy duty bracket shaft and supportable on the bottom support; and

(c) a taut cable having at least one end attached to the at least one heavy duty bracket.

30 (Previously amended). The heavy duty bracket and pole assembly according to Claim 29, further comprising a turnbuckle in the cable; and wherein the bracket and pole assembly comprises two spaced-apart ones of the at least one bracket, the cable having two opposite ends, each opposite cable end being attached to a different one of the two brackets.

31 (Previously amended). The heavy duty bracket and pole assembly according to Claim 29, wherein the heavy duty four-walled bracket shaft is enclosed by a first pair of bracket walls that are oriented substantially parallel to one another, and a second pair of bracket walls that are oriented substantially parallel to one another, and substantially perpendicular to the first pair of bracket walls.

32 (Original). The heavy duty bracket and pole assembly according to Claim 31, wherein the bottom support is at least one bolt extending perpendicularly through a first bracket wall hole in a first one of the first pair of bracket walls, and a second bracket wall hole in a second, opposite, one of the bracket walls, and through the heavy duty bracket shaft.

33 (Previously amended). The heavy duty bracket and pole assembly according to Claim 29, wherein the heavy duty bracket shaft is an extended, four-walled bracket shaft, a vertical dimension of the extended, four-walled bracket shaft being greater than a vertical dimension of the single bracket shaft joist wall.

34 (Original). The heavy duty bracket and pole assembly according to Claim 33, further comprising at least one I-bolt having an eye, the I-bolt extending through a corresponding I-bolt hole in a bracket wall of the four-walled, heavy duty bracket shaft.

35 (Currently amended). The bracket and pole assembly kit according to Claim 28, wherein at least one the bracket shaft is cylindrical in shape.

36 (Previously amended). The bracket and pole assembly kit according to Claim 28, further comprising a single bracket shaft joist wall attached to each of the at least two bracket shafts; wherein each bracket shaft is an extended, cylindrical bracket shaft, a vertical dimension of the extended, cylindrical bracket shaft being greater than a vertical dimension of the single bracket shaft joist wall, each bracket shaft joist wall being attached to an outside of each of the at least two bracket shafts.

37 (Previously presented). A heavy duty bracket and pole assembly for use on a raised flooring surface, the assembly comprising:

(a) at least one heavy duty bracket comprising a heavy duty bracket shaft, a bottom support within the heavy duty bracket shaft, and a single bracket shaft joist wall attached to the heavy duty bracket shaft; the at least one heavy duty bracket being attachable to a floor joist of the raised flooring surface with the heavy duty bracket shaft opening to a corresponding hole in the raised flooring surface; and

(b) at least one pole assembly comprising a removable, one piece hollow pole, an end portion of the pole being removably insertable in the heavy duty bracket shaft and supportable on the bottom support.

38 (Previously presented). The heavy duty bracket and pole assembly according to Claim 37, wherein the heavy duty bracket shaft is four walled and rectangular-shaped in cross-section.

39 (Previously presented). The heavy duty bracket and pole assembly according to Claim 38, wherein the bottom support is at least one bolt extending perpendicularly across the heavy duty bracket shaft, opposite ends of the at least one bolt extending through opposite bracket wall holes in opposite bracket walls of the bracket.

40 (Previously presented). The heavy duty bracket and pole assembly according to Claim 38, wherein the single bracket shaft joist wall is attached to an outside of a wall of the four-walled heavy duty bracket shaft, the four-walled heavy duty bracket shaft being substantially longer than the single bracket shaft joist wall.

41 (Previously presented). The heavy duty bracket and pole assembly according to Claim 37, wherein the heavy duty bracket shaft is cylindrical in shape, and the single bracket joist wall is rectangular in cross-section.

42 (New). The bracket and pole assembly kit according to Claim 28, wherein the bracket shaft is four-walled and rectangular-shaped in cross-section

43 (New). A two poled combination bracket and pole assembly, comprising:

- (a) two brackets, each comprising a bracket shaft, each of the two brackets being one piece and being attachable to a floor joist of a raised flooring surface, each bracket shaft being openable to a corresponding hole in the raised flooring surface, each bracket shaft comprising a bottom support within the bracket shaft;
- (b) two pole assemblies, each comprising a removable, one piece hollow pole, an end portion of each hollow pole being removably inserted in each bracket shaft, and supported on the bottom support; and
- (c) a cable with an in-line turnbuckle, the cable being extended between the two brackets beneath the raised flooring surface.

44 (New). The two poled combination bracket and pole assembly according to Claim 43, further comprising:

(d) at least one tabletop, each tabletop comprising a central hole through which extends one of the poles of the two pole assemblies; and

(e) at least one tabletop attachment mechanism removably attaching the at least one tabletop to either of the poles.

45 (New). The two poled combination bracket and pole assembly according to Claim 43, wherein the bracket shaft is cylindrical in shape.

46 (New). The two poled combination bracket and pole assembly according to Claim 43, wherein the bracket shaft is four-walled and rectangular-shaped in cross-section.